

PREDICATES



Become a Super Writer

Adam wants to be an astronomer. He uses his telescope to observe the skies. Here are two of his journal entries.

A meteor (shot) across the sky. Comets (shed) dust and (create) meteor showers.

The underlined part of each sentence is the **complete predicate**. It tells what the subject does. The circled words are **simple predicates**. In the first sentence, the simple predicate *shot* is the main verb in the complete predicate. The second sentence has two simple predicates, *shed* and *create*. This makes it a **compound predicate**.

Definitions

The **complete predicate** consists of the simple predicate and all the words that make up the predicate part of the sentence.
 A **simple predicate** is the main verb in the complete predicate.
 A **compound predicate** consists of two or more simple predicates joined by *and* or *or*.

Your Turn

Underline the complete predicates. Circle the simple predicates. Write *C* on the line after each sentence that has a compound predicate.

1. The space shuttle landed tonight. _____
2. Many clouds blocked my view. _____
3. One star flickered or glimmered dimly last night. _____
4. I read and reread my astronomy magazine. _____
5. I learned many new things. _____
6. The sun contains hydrogen and helium. _____
7. These gases release heat and radiate light. _____
8. The sun's energy warms the earth. _____
9. Solar panels collect sunlight and convert it into energy. _____
10. The moon lights the sky at night. _____



Underline the simple predicate in each sentence. Then find and circle that predicate in the puzzle.

11. The astronaut waved his hand.
12. The rocket engines roared.
13. Suddenly, Adam gasped.
14. The space shuttle lifted.
15. The crowd of onlookers cheered.

g	t	u	c	l	a	r	w	k	d	g
a	a	v	l	i	r	o	a	r	e	d
v	r	s	a	f	e	d	v	o	y	s
e	p	y	p	t	k	i	e	d	a	p
y	c	h	e	e	r	e	d	t	u	p
x	w	f	b	d	d	p	o	r	w	m

Rewrite each sentence above so that it has a compound predicate.

16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Editing

Correct the mistakes in Adam's journal. One sentence is missing a verb in the predicate. Add a verb to that sentence.

Mistakes	Capitalization	4
	Punctuation	3
	Spelling	8

The earth rotates once every 24 ours. That the lenth of one day, The Planet Venus takes 243 days to rotate. boy, I thought I had a long day! Our galaxy spins in space. it is called the Milky Way. There are so many starz in the galaxy that it looks like a cloud. The sun is just one star out of millyons? Astronomers say there are billions of galaxys! Edwin P. Hubble demonstrated their exiztence in 1923. he used a 100-inch telascope to assist him. I could spend a long time lerning about those galaxies out there